

1 3.14 PUBLIC SERVICES

PUBLIC SERVICES	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Would the Project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for any of the public services:				
Fire protection?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Police protection?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Schools?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Parks?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other public facilities?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

2 3.14.1 Environmental Setting

3 The Project area is located 2 miles east-northeast of Niland, Imperial County, in the
 4 central basin of the Colorado Desert. Niland is a small community on the southeast side
 5 of the Salton Sea, approximately 80 miles southeast of Palm Springs and 19 miles north
 6 of Brawley.

7 Both Imperial County and the town of Niland have limited ability to provide public
 8 services to the people residing within the Project area. Emergency fire and medical
 9 services are usually provided by Niland's fire department (Anglin 1997). Police and law
 10 enforcement protection are provided by the Imperial County Sheriff's department and by
 11 the California Highway Patrol (Anglin 1997). The Imperial County Department of Public
 12 Works (ICDPW) Road Division is responsible for Beal Road maintenance. This road is
 13 maintained to provide access to the Coachella Canal and Coachella Canal road. The
 14 Coachella Canal provides irrigation water to farms and agricultural activities, north of the
 15 site. The road also provides access for military personnel access to the Chocolate
 16 Mountain Aerial Gunnery Range. No businesses or employees are currently located on
 17 the proposed sale parcels.

18 3.14.2 Regulatory Setting

19 No federal laws or regulations pertain to this issue area. State laws and regulations
 20 pertaining to this issue area and relevant to the Project are identified in Table 3.14-1.

Table 3.14-1. Laws, Regulations, and Policies (Public Services)

CA	California Code of Regulations	Under Title 19, Public Safety , the California State Fire Marshal (CSFM) develops regulations relating to fire and life safety. These regulations have been prepared and adopted to establish minimum standards for the prevention of fire and for protection of life and property against fire, explosion, and panic. The CSFM also adopts and administers regulations and standards necessary under the California Health and Safety Code to protect life and property.
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3.14.3 Impact Analysis

a) Would the Project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for any of the public services:

Fire protection?

Police protection?

Schools?

Parks?

Other public facilities?

No Impact. The proposed sale of School Lands will not have an impact on fire or police protection, schools, parks, or other public facilities. The Project will not result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for any of the public services. The proposed sale does not include any construction or modification of existing baseline conditions.

3.14.4 Summary

Based upon the above considerations, no impacts to public services are expected to occur as a result of the proposed sale of School Lands. The proposed purchasers of the School Lands parcels plan to continue the existing uses (current baseline conditions) associated with the respective parcels. The Project does not include any construction or ground-disturbing activities. Any other uses and potential impacts are too speculative for evaluation.